

IV. Remarks

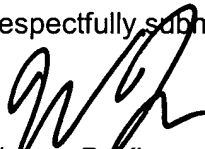
In the specification, the amended paragraphs have been amended for typographical errors and does not constitute new matter.

Claims 1 - 15 are under consideration in the present application. Claims 16 - 29 have been canceled. Claims 1 - 12, and 15 have either been amended in accordance with the Amendments filed in the Response to Written Opinion in the priority application PCT/JP03/07227, amended in accordance with the US rules of practice and not for reasons relating to patentability and/or typographical errors. The filing fee has been calculated according to the above-amendments.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, an early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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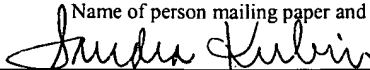
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